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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SELECTIVELY ALLOCATING AND
ENFORCING BANDWIDTH USAGE
REQUIREMENTS ON NETWORK
USERS

Examiner: W. Benson

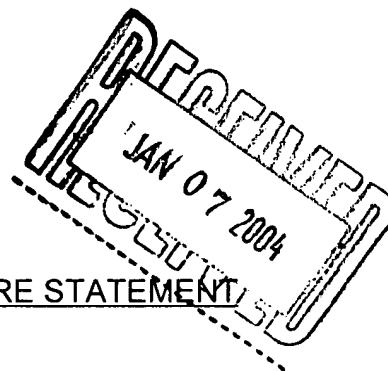
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

REMARKS

WO 98/20511, WO 99/34544, and WO 98/26510 were cited in a European Communication of a counterpart foreign patent application corresponding to the above-referenced application. The European Communication is dated November 11, 2003. A copy of the European Communication is enclosed. According to a database, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,046,980 and 6,285,658 are related to WO 98/26510, and U.S. Patent Nos. 6,578,077 and 6,502,131 are related to WO 99/34544. WO 98/20511 and WO 98/26510 were cited in the January 14, 2002 Second Information Disclosure Statement.

U.S. Patent No. 6,473,793 B1 issued from the parent of the above-referenced application.

FORMAL MATTERS

Any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,



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